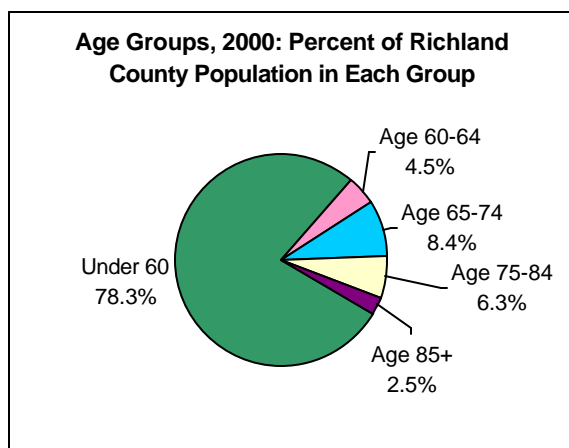

Richland County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Richland County is higher than that of the state as a whole (17.2% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been much slower in this county than in the state as a whole (0.8% versus 7.9%). In all, 3,084 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 440 of these are age 85 or older. Richland County's average (or median) age is 39.2 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Richland County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	17,924		17,521		403	2.3%
Persons 60 and over	3,895	21.7%	3,946	22.5%	-51	-1.3%
Persons 65 and over	3,084	17.2%	3,060	17.5%	24	0.8%
Persons 85 and over	440	2.5%	378	2.2%	62	16.4%



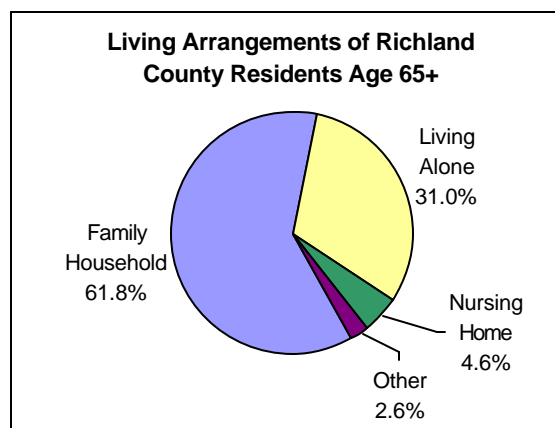
Race:

A large majority (99.4%) of Richland County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Richland County African Americans have a median age of 21.5 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 17.7 years. Whites, in contrast, average 39.5 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 7,118 households in Richland County, 2,109 include at least one person age 65 or older (29.6% of all households). A total of 2,023 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 77.2% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (61.8%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 31.0% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 2.5% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 143 people age 65 and older live in Richland County nursing homes (4.6% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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